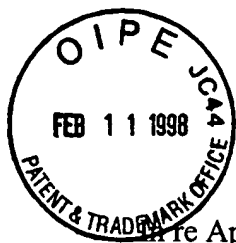


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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 4, line 17-18, delete "within cell nuclei" and "system".

Page 21, line 24, change "at wavelengths" to --at exciter wavelength--;  
before "510nm" insert --analyzer wavelength of --.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 11, line 5, change "claims 6, or 7" to --claim 6--.

Claim 5, line 4, change "any of claims 8-11" to --claim 8--.